efforts are being made to locate the requisite funds from within the sector as well as from external sources, considerable difficulties are anticipated in this regard, with consequential likely adverse impact on the fulfilment of plan targets and a few power projects not materialising within the Plan period.

(b) As against the capacity addition programme of 4458.02 MW for the year 1992-93, the actual capacity addition achievement has been 3537.27 MW.

(c) 26 intendments have been received for setting up a capacity of 15,337 MW at a cost of Rs. 40,433.46 crores. Actual investment during 1993-94 would depend upon the speed with which the various clearances for the proposed projects are obtained and their financing is arranged. The SEBs owed Rs. 3084.65 crores to the Central Power Corporations as on 28th February, 1993. Since payment of these overdues has not been forthcoming from the SEBs, the Government has decided that 25% of the overdues should be recovered from the Annual Plans of the respective States in four years from 1992-93 to 1995-96. This recovery would be in addition to the ongoing recovery of the earlier outstanding dues of the SEBs as on 31-5-1990, which would continue up to 1993-94.

(d) The steps contemplated by the Government for achieving the Eighth Plan targets for power generation include, *inter-alia*, exploring additional sources of domestic and external funding, ensuring timely supply of equipment, better utilisation of existing generation and transmission capacity and encouraging private sector participation in power generation and distribution.

Handing over of sick NTC Mills to Workers Cooperatives

220. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have offered to write off the liabilities of NTC mills if workers Cooperatives were willing to run them;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the reaction of the workers thereto;

(c) whether workers of any NTC mills have responded positively to the Government's proposal;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in negative, what is the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d) Government is willing to support any viable proposal including consideration of waiver/rescheduling of loans lent by Central Government to NTC Mills on case to case basis, provided it bears the consent of all parties concerned. However, no concrete proposal in this regard has been received so far.

(e) Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for the NTC which involves selective modernisation, financial and managerial restructuring and rationalisation of surplus employees through the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. VRS shall also be offered to the officers, staff and workers of chronically sick mills which have no possibility of viability and may have to be closed down or merged with adjacent units to ensure viability.

Sick Textile Mills under NTC in Gujarat

221. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 798 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the details of sick units of the National Textile Corporation (NTC) in Gujarat;